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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP18-26-000]

Notice of Availability of the Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Texas Eastern

Transmission, LP, Lambertville East Expansion Project

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) has prepared an environmental assessment (EA) for the Lambertville East Expansion Project, proposed by Texas Eastern Transmission, LP (Texas Eastern) in the above-referenced docket. Texas Eastern requests authorization to replace two existing natural gas-fired turbine compressor engines and appurtenant facilities at their existing Lambertville Compressor Station in Hunterdon County, New Jersey.

The EA assesses the potential environmental effects of the construction and operation of the Lambertville East Expansion Project in accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act. The FERC staff concludes that approval of the proposed project, with appropriate mitigating measures, would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

The proposed Lambertville East Expansion Project includes abandonment by removal of the following facilities at Texas Eastern's existing Lambertville Compressor Station:

- two 5,100 horsepower Clark DC-990 natural gas-fired turbine compressor units and associated building, coolers, and auxiliary piping and equipment;
- four retired reciprocating compressor units¹ and associated building, coolers, and auxiliary piping and equipment;
- an existing warehouse; and
- auxiliary and control buildings.

¹ The four existing reciprocating compressor units were retired in 2011 as part of Texas Eastern's Advanced Notification filing in Docket No. CP11-143-000.

Additionally, the proposed project includes construction and operation of the following new facilities at the Lambertville Compressor Station:

- a new compressor building to house two new Solar Taurus 70 natural gasfired turbine compressor units rated at 8,600 horsepower each and associated piping and equipment;
- electrical control and auxiliary buildings, replacement warehouse buildings, and an electrical generator building;
- appurtenant facilities;
- yard piping modifications; and
- new plant roads and reconfiguration of existing plant roads.

The FERC staff mailed copies of the EA to federal, state, and local government representatives and agencies; elected officials; Native American tribes; potentially affected landowners; and other interested individuals, groups, and commenters. In addition, the EA is available for public viewing on the FERC's website (www.ferc.gov) using the eLibrary link. A limited number of copies of the EA are available for distribution and public inspection at:

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Public Reference Room 888 First Street NE, Room 2A Washington, DC 20426 (202) 502-8371

Any person wishing to comment on the EA may do so. Your comments should focus on the EA's disclosure and discussion of potential environmental effects, reasonable alternatives, and measures to avoid or lessen environmental impacts. The more specific your comments, the more useful they will be. To ensure that the Commission has the opportunity to consider your comments prior to making its decision on this project, it is important that we receive your comments in Washington, DC on or before 5:00 pm Eastern Time on **August 23, 2018.**

For your convenience, there are three methods you can use to file your comments with the Commission. In all instances please reference the project docket number (CP18-26-000) with your submission. The Commission encourages electronic filing of comments and has staff available to assist you at (866) 208-3676 or FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov.

- (1) You can file your comments electronically using the <u>eComment</u> feature located on the Commission's website (<u>www.ferc.gov</u>) under the link to <u>Documents and Filings</u>. This is an easy method for submitting brief, text-only comments on a project;
- (2) You can also file your comments electronically using the <u>eFiling</u> feature on the Commission's website (<u>www.ferc.gov</u>) under the link to <u>Documents and Filings</u>. With eFiling, you can provide comments in a variety of formats by attaching them as a file with your submission. New eFiling users must first create an account by clicking on "<u>eRegister</u>." You must select the type of filing you are making. If you are filing a comment on a particular project, please select "Comment on a Filing"; or
- (3) You can file a paper copy of your comments by mailing them to the following address:

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Any person seeking to become a party to the proceeding must file a motion to intervene pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedures (18 CFR 385.214). Only intervenors have the right to seek rehearing or judicial review of the Commission's decision. The Commission may grant affected landowners and others with environmental concerns intervenor status upon showing good cause by stating that they have a clear and direct interest in this proceeding which no other party can adequately represent. Simply filing environmental comments will not give you intervenor status, but you do not need intervenor status to have your comments considered.

Additional information about the project is available from the Commission's Office of External Affairs, at (866) 208-FERC, or on the FERC website (www.ferc.gov) using the eLibrary link. Click on the eLibrary link, click on "General Search," and enter the docket number in the "Docket Number" field, excluding the last three digits (i.e., CP18-26). Be sure you have selected an appropriate date range. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll free at (866) 208-3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659. The eLibrary link also provides access to the texts of all formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulemakings.

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Kimberly D. Bose Secretary

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